

## Message Text

SECRET

PAGE 01 ATHENS 00477 181814Z

40

ACTION SS-25

INFO OCT-01 ISO-00 SSO-00 NSCE-00 CCO-00 /026 W

----- 085251

Z O 181740Z JAN 75 ZFF 6

FM AMEMBASSY ATHENS

TO SECSTATE WASHDC FLASH 7028

INFO: RUQMQG/AMEMBASSY NICOSIA FLASH 3207

AMEMBASSY ANKARA IMMEDIATE

S E C R E T ATHENS 0477

EXDIS

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PROF, CY

SUBJ: ATTACK ON EMBASSY NICOSIA: MEETING WITH GREEK

FOREIGN MINISTER

REF: STATE 012761

1. I SAW FOREIGN MINISTER BITSIOS SHORTLY AFTER RECEIVING REFTEL CONCERNING THE ATTACK ON OUR EMBASSY IN NICOSIA. I INFORMED HIM THAT THE CYPRIOT AMBASSADOR IN WASHINGTON HAD BEEN INFORMED THAT IF ANY MEMBERS OF OUR EMBASSY STAFF IN NICOSIA SUFFERED INJURY AS A RESULT OF MOB ACTION THAT OUR EMBASSY WOULD BE WITHDRAWN FROM NICOSIA AND THAT WE WOULD TAKE NO FURTHER PART IN THE CYPRUS NEGOTIATIONS.

2. BITSIOS UNDERSTOOD THE SERIOUSNESS AND SIGNIFICANCE OF THE MESSAGE IMMEDIATELY. HE EXPRESSED HIS REGRET AT WHAT WAS TAKING PLACE IN NICOSIA AND ONCE AGAIN VOICED STRONG CRITICISM OF THE BRITISH DECISION. HE IMMEDIATELY TELEPHONED THE GREEK AMBASSADOR IN NICOSIA AND CONVEYED THE SUBSTANCE OF OUR MESSAGE AND INSTRUCTED HIS AMBASSADOR TO GET IN TOUCH IMMEDIATELY WITH ARCHBISHOP MAKARIOS ABOUT IT. ABOUT THIRTY MINUTES LATER, WHICH WAS ABOUT FORTY-FIVE MINUTES AGO, THE GREEK AMBASSADOR TELEPHONED BACK TO SAY THAT HE HAD TALKED TO ARCHBISHOP MAKARIOS

SECRET

SECRET

PAGE 02 ATHENS 00477 181814Z

WHO HAD ASSURED HIM THAT ALL MEMBERS OF THE AMERICAN

EMBASSY STAFF WERE SAFE. THE GREEK AMBASSADOR IN NICOSIA ALSO SAID THAT MAKARIOS HAD PROMISED TO TAKE EVERY POSSIBLE STEP TO PROTECT OUR PERSONNEL THERE. THE AMBASSADOR INDICATED TO BITSIOS THAT CONSIDERATION WAS BEING GIVEN TO PROPOSING THAT AMERICAN EMBASSY PERSONNEL IN NICOSIA MOVE FROM THEIR RESIDENCES TO A HOTEL FOR THE NEXT FEW DAYS WHERE THEY COULD BE ASSURED FULLEST POSSIBLE PROTECTION.

3. IT HAS TAKEN ME ALMOST FORTY-FIVE MINUTES TO GET BACK TO MY OWN EMBASSY FROM BITSIOS-OFFICE AS A RESULT OF CROWDS ALSO DEMONSTRATING IN ATHENS THIS EVENING, INCLUDING ONE LARGE GROUP OF ABOUT 4,000 THAT HAS JUST GONE BY OUR EMBASSY. WE ARE ALL RIGHT, BUT THE BRITISH EMBASSY SEEMS TO HAVE TAKEN A PASTING--WITH MORE IN STORE. MOST OF THE DEMONSTRATORS ARE REPORTED TO BE GREEK CYPRIOTS HERE IN ATHENS.  
KUBISC  
H

SECRET

NNN

## Message Attributes

**Automatic Decaptioning:** Z  
**Capture Date:** 01 JAN 1994  
**Channel Indicators:** n/a  
**Current Classification:** UNCLASSIFIED  
**Concepts:** PUBLIC DEMONSTRATIONS, CITIZEN PROTECTION, DIPLOMATIC DISCUSSIONS, EMBASSIES, GOVERNMENT REACTIONS  
**Control Number:** n/a  
**Copy:** SINGLE  
**Draft Date:** 18 JAN 1975  
**Decaption Date:** 28 MAY 2004  
**Decaption Note:** 25 YEAR REVIEW  
**Disposition Action:** RELEASED  
**Disposition Approved on Date:**  
**Disposition Authority:** GolinoFR  
**Disposition Case Number:** n/a  
**Disposition Comment:** 25 YEAR REVIEW  
**Disposition Date:** 28 MAY 2004  
**Disposition Event:**  
**Disposition History:** n/a  
**Disposition Reason:**  
**Disposition Remarks:**  
**Document Number:** 1975ATHENS00477  
**Document Source:** CORE  
**Document Unique ID:** 00  
**Drafter:** n/a  
**Enclosure:** n/a  
**Executive Order:** GS  
**Errors:** N/A  
**Film Number:** D750020-0652  
**From:** ATHENS  
**Handling Restrictions:** n/a  
**Image Path:**  
**ISecure:** 1  
**Legacy Key:** link1975/newtext/t19750140/aaaabjdh.tel  
**Line Count:** 79  
**Locator:** TEXT ON-LINE, ON MICROFILM  
**Office:** ACTION SS  
**Original Classification:** SECRET  
**Original Handling Restrictions:** EXDIS  
**Original Previous Classification:** n/a  
**Original Previous Handling Restrictions:** n/a  
**Page Count:** 2  
**Previous Channel Indicators:** n/a  
**Previous Classification:** SECRET  
**Previous Handling Restrictions:** EXDIS  
**Reference:** 75 STATE 012761  
**Review Action:** RELEASED, APPROVED  
**Review Authority:** GolinoFR  
**Review Comment:** n/a  
**Review Content Flags:**  
**Review Date:** 07 MAY 2003  
**Review Event:**  
**Review Exemptions:** n/a  
**Review History:** RELEASED <07 MAY 2003 by Izenbel0>; APPROVED <08 MAY 2003 by GolinoFR>  
**Review Markings:**

Margaret P. Grafeld  
Declassified/Released  
US Department of State  
EO Systematic Review  
05 JUL 2006

**Review Media Identifier:**  
**Review Referrals:** n/a  
**Review Release Date:** n/a  
**Review Release Event:** n/a  
**Review Transfer Date:**  
**Review Withdrawn Fields:** n/a  
**Secure:** OPEN  
**Status:** NATIVE  
**Subject:** ATTACK ON EMBASSY NICOSIA: MEETING WITH GREEK FOREIGN MINISTER  
**TAGS:** PFOR, CY, GR, US, (BITSIOS)  
**To:** STATE ANKARA  
**Type:** TE  
**Markings:** Margaret P. Grafeld Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 05 JUL 2006